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MAPS FOR USE IN CIVIL DEFENSE

1. Civil defense officials require standardized maps for sound planning and effective operations. These will be furnished by the State Council of Civil Defense. They will be of two general types, namely, a State Civil Defense Map and maps of individual counties.

2. The State Civil Defense Map will measure 33½ x 59 inches. It will be printed in four colors and show: principal rivers and streams, principal towns and cities, county and township names and boundaries, primary and secondary military and civil defense routes, major railroads and other civil defense essentials.

3. Basic work on the State Civil Defense Map -- a time-consuming and highly technical operation -- is now nearing completion. Its details have been carefully checked with military authorities and civil defense officials in surrounding states. Printed copies of the map will be distributed at the earliest possible moment, but no fixed delivery date can now be set.

4. Originally it was believed that maps for county civil defense activities also would have to be specially prepared. However, unexpected advancement of the State Highway Department's mapping program will make Type Ten County Highway Maps available for all counties except Philadelphia by the close of 1952 or early 1953. Since Type Ten maps of 64 counties are now available, it has been deemed expedient to designate them the official civil defense maps for county use.

5. Twenty-five (25) copies of Type Ten maps of their respective counties have been furnished Civil Defense Directors of all counties except Berks, Greene and Philadelphia. Berks and Greene Counties have been furnished another type of highway map for temporary use and will be provided with Type Ten just as soon as available. Philadelphia already has available several city maps suitable for civil defense purposes.

6. It will be impossible for this office to furnish standard maps of townships, boroughs, and cities. It is believed that all such political subdivisions have available good large scale maps for their individual civil defense planning and operation.

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